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For: SURGICAL NEEDLE HOLDER

Examiner: J. R. Baxter

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 21, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.